some money on this project The Minister informs us that the project is held up because the Maharashtra Government has objected to an industry coming up in the region. Our information is that the Chief Minister has written to the Prime Minister recommending that the project should come up. The Minister states that as soon as the Maharashtra Government clears it, they will consider. Can the Minister please assure us that once the Maharashtra Government clears if from the environment angle, the Defence Ministry is committed to putting up the project? J want 'yes' or 'no'.

SHRI CHINTAMANl PANIGRAHI: There is hardly time now. Otherwise, 1 would have gone into other details I have already clarified that there is no assurance. *{Interruptions)* But I can say that I am always hopeful.

MR. CHAIRMAN; He is not giving any assurance whatsoever That is all. Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

SHRl A G. KULKARNI: The hon. Minister has talked about the Committee, etcc. Is it a fact that as per the Additional Chief Secretary of Maharashtra Government and the Chief Secretary, who is now a Secretary of the Prime Minister, the Cornmittee has gone through the matter and they have got clearance from the environment side? The Maharashtra Government has conveyed the recommendations of this Committee to the Central Government. So, T want the Government of India to take a decision is TO whether environment will stop employment or environment should be reconciled to the need for employment and whether such defence projects in the backward areas should go through or not. I want an assurance from the Minister about whatever they want Let Mr. Pant speak. Sir, we are very much agitated.

MR. CHAIRMAN.- Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Amendment of service rules to punish Government employees indicted by a commission of inquiry after retirement

*205. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Service Rules for Government employees are inadequate to bring to book a Government servant after his retirement/ resignation from the service even though he/she is indicted by a Commission of inquiry; and

(b) if so. whether Government propose to amend these rules with retrosdective effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P- CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir . ...

(b) Does not arise

"फास्ट फूड्स" का परीक्षण

@*206. श्री संतोष दाण्डेकिया : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में "फास्ट फूड" का प्रचलन बढ़ता जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार की ओर से विभिन्न कम्पनियों द्वारा बनाये जा रहे "फास्ट फूड्स" का परीक्षण करने के लिये कोई प्रबन्ध किये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि चूंकि विभिन्न "फास्ट फूड" के पैकेटों पर उनके उपयोग की अन्तिम तारीख का उल्लेख नहीं रहता है, इसलिये उनसे जनस्वास्थ्य के लिये खतरा पैदा हो गया है ; और

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(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी तरोज खापर्डे) : (क) से (घ) कुछ बड़े नगरों में फास्ट फूड बेचने वाले प्रतिष्ठानों की संख्या बढ़ती जा रही है । संयुक्त खाद्य और कृषि संगठन, विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन, खाद्य सुरक्षा संबंधी विशेषज्ञ समिति की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार आर्थिक पहलुओं और रोजगार पैटर्न के परिणामस्वरूप फास्ट फूड की खपत में वृद्धि हुई है । चूंकि फास्ट फूड आमतौर पर उसी समय खा लिया जाता है अथवा घर पर तत्काल खाने के लिए ले जाया जाता है, इसलिए उस पर "अन्तिम तारीख" का उल्लेख करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के खाद्य (स्वास्थ्य) अधिकारियों को समय-समय पर यह सलाह दी जाती है कि खाद्य पदार्थों, फास्ट फूड सहित, की गुणवत्ता सुनिश्चित की जाए ।

Cost escalation in the Atomic Power Stations

*207. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will [he PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state,

(a) what had been the cost escalation of Madras, Narora and Kota Atomic Power Stations set up during the last ten years and the reasons therefor; and

(b) what was its impact on the cost of power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT. ATOMIC ENERGY SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI K.' R, NARAYANAN): (a) The original sanctioned costs and latest sanctioned/estimated costs in respect of Unit-2 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-2). Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS-1&2) and Narora Atomic Power (NAPP-1&2) are as follows: —

(Rs. in crores)

	Original approved cost estimate	Latest sanctioned estimated cost
RAPS-2	58.16	102.54
MAPS— 1	61.78	118.83
MAPS -2	70.63	127.04
MAPP—1&2 .	209.89	532.85 (Under approvil)

The increase in costs is attributable to escalation due to stretch in schedule, design changes and improvements due to evolving safety standards and technology and increases in statutory levies and foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

(b) Increase in cost of power generation on account of increase in capital cost is estimated to be approximately between 19 and 35 paise/kwh.

Centrally aided scheme to treat cancer

*208. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) what are the details of the centrally aided schemes in different States to treat cancer; and

(b) what are the details of the proposals at present under Government's con, sideration in this regard?